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New year brings changes in Mayor's office

Susan Kimberly, a top supervisor in the Planning and Economic Development Department, began her duties as the City's new Deputy Mayor and Chief of Staff on January 4. Kimberly succeeds outgoing Deputy Mayor Tom Fabel, who was unable to comply with the City's residency requirements.

Mayor Coleman announced in December the promotion of Bill Huepenbecker to Assistant Chief of Staff. Huepenbecker will be replacing Chuck Armstrong, who left December 31 for a career in the private sector. Huepenbecker, who previously held the position of Director of Intergovernmental Relations, led many successful efforts in the state legislature as the Mayor's chief lobbyist.

Mike Campbell, replacing Huepenbecker, began his duties as Director of Intergovernmental Relations December 28. Campbell previously served as an advisor in Mayor Coleman's gubernatorial campaign and as a campaign director for first District Congressman Gil Gutknecht.

The mayor also announced the appointment of public affairs consultant Brian Sweeney as Director of Strategic policy. The position was previously held by Chris Longley, who left the City in November.

Discount bus fares for City employees

City Council, in their budget this year, authorized a trial run of the Metropass, a program offered through Metro Transit. This program would allow all downtown City of Saint Paul employees to ride the bus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at a reduced rate. The cost to employees is yet to be determined. The plan is to charge \$25 a month for the Metropass. This would be a 50 percent or more discount over the current price to ride the bus.

According to an article published by the Saint Paul Pioneer Press, Monday, December 28, only about 19 percent of the City's 1500 downtown employees currently ride the bus to work. Armstrong said in the article the goal of the City is to raise that figure to near 30 percent in the next two years. A full bus can eliminate forty cars on the road and decrease air-quality problems.

This program is an effort in the Mayor's strategy to get City employees out of single-occupancy cars and into the public transit system, ultimately freeing up parking spaces downtown. "The program should be a success," said Chuck Armstrong, Mayor Coleman's Assistant Chief of Staff, "and it will be of great benefit to City employees." The City still needs to reach an agreement with Metro Transit and the various bargaining units this program will affect. The program is expected to take effect late spring or early summer 1999.

Saint Paul
Celebrating 150 Years

Pre-Paid Legal Services Now Available

Leda Murphy
Risk Management

Pre-Paid Legal Services is now available to City employees through payroll deduction. The Pre-Paid Legal Services plan is designed to give you and your family access to a top quality attorney (top 30% rated by the Martindale Hubble Directory), anywhere in the country, for a very low premium. If you participate in this program, you can consult with an attorney about buying a home, to review a contract or document, to have a letter or phone call made on your behalf, if you are audited by the IRS, for trial defense, job-related criminal defense, bankruptcy, divorce, preparation of a will, and more.

The cost of this plan is \$14.95 per month, with no enrollment fee. This premium provides legal services for you and your family members, including your spouse, dependent children never married and under 21 years of age, age 23 if a full-time college student, 18 if guardian, and for life if mentally or physically disabled.

Over 9,000 attorneys are available throughout the country, with 400 here in Minnesota. The provider firm is Wagner, Falconer & Judd who are located on the 26th floor of the IDS Tower in Minneapolis. Once you are enrolled in the plan, all initial phone calls for legal assistance go through their office, and they hire and retain an attorney who specializes in specific areas of the law.

Get More Information

To get more information about this new plan, you can attend any of the meetings below during your lunch time. Please contact Greg Adelman, Pre-Paid Legal Services, at 403-9940 to register. Space is limited. All information sessions will take place at 11:30 a.m. on the following dates at these locations:

Monday, January 25
Water Utility
289 Hamline Ave N
2nd Floor Training Room

Tuesday, January 26
Police Annex
100 Tenth Street E
3rd Floor Training
Room

Wednesday, January 27
City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd W
Conference Room 41

Please note that this plan is neither sponsored nor endorsed by the City of Saint Paul. The City had no role in designing or evaluating the plan. Information is being communicated to enable you to individually assess its value, based on your perceived needs.

Saint Paul Paramedic Service Celebrates 25 Years of Service



Over a dozen fire trucks were on display outside RiverCentre during the 25th anniversary celebration of the Saint Paul Department of Fire and Safety Services, Paramedic Service, December 23, 1998. The Saint Paul Fire Department has been a pioneer in the field of paramedicine since 1973, when it established one of the first paramedic programs in the country. Since then the Saint Paul Fire Paramedic Service has responded to over 450,000 emergencies. Each of the 190 paramedics were presented with a City proclamation honoring their courageous service to the citizens of Saint Paul. Governor Arne H. Carlson and Mayor Norm Coleman each proclaimed Wednesday, December 23, 1998 as Saint Paul Fire Paramedic Day.





Bone marrow drive in connection with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Bone Marrow Doners Sought; Need is great for Non-Caucasian Donors

The Mayor's Office and the Fire Department are co-sponsoring a bone marrow donor registration in conjunction with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day festivities and celebration at the Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University.

A marrow transplant is the best treatment for patients with fatal blood diseases such as leukemia. It is often necessary for patients to rely on donors since only 30% find a compatible donor within their own family. Many patients do not have a suitable donor in the national donor program register. There is a critical need for people of a non-Caucasian background to register. Only 24% of people with a non-Caucasian ancestry are able to find a matching donor within the national register, compared to 90% for people of a Caucasian ancestry. It is vital that registrants understand that this is not a request to donate marrow at the event, but rather to be placed on the national register in order to facilitate future donations.

Registration takes only about 15 minutes. Additional registration opportunities will be during the Black History Month festivities held at City Hall during the month of February. Dates and times are pending.

Questions about the bone marrow registration drive may be forwarded to Tony Carter, Assistant Fire Chief, 651-228-6221, or Cynthia Niemann of the Red Cross, 651-290-8937.

Discount tickets for the Minnesota Children's Museum

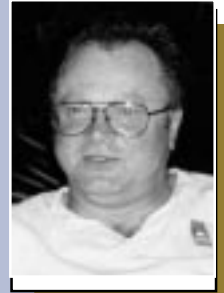
The Employee Relations Committee is currently selling tickets for the Minnesota Children's Museum. Tickets, which are regularly \$5.95, are \$4.50 for ages three to sixty. Children under three and seniors over sixty can purchase the tickets at a price of \$3, regularly \$3.95. Discount parking is available at the Seventh Street Municipal Ramp. The Children's Museum will validate a ticket, for up to three hours at a charge of \$1. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Theresa Sullivan at 651-266-8812.

Special thanks from the Red Cross

The Red Cross would like to thank everyone who donated blood on December 30. The goal was to fill 130 pints. The drive was a success in that 98 useable pints were collected. About 130 people signed up for the drive and 115 donated blood. There were three first-time donors. Another blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 1999.

Employee Spotlight

Stanley Szulim (ZOO-lim) is the man to contact around the Como Park campus. Stan has been with the City for 21 years. As a crew leader, he moved to Como Park in 1996. After that, things started to happen.



According to his co-workers, "Stan is one of the most likable and hard-working people you will ever run across. He understands the importance of establishing strong relationships with others throughout the City. If something needs to get done, Stan finds a way. He really deserves our recognition."

On the Calender

Sunday, Jan. 17, and Sunday, Jan. 24 Volunteers needed to assist with the 1998 Metro Ski Races held in Saint Paul and Ramsey County Parks. For more information call Howard Bell, 266-6415.

Sunday, Jan. 17. "OUR GATHERING PLACES" Help celebrate the first anniversary of this exhibit, with Mixed Blood Theatre actor Marvin Graves portraying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Minnesota History Center, 1 and 3 pm. Free. 651-296-6126. Downtown.

Jan. 29 - Feb. 7, Saint Paul Winter Carnival. No Time For Cold Feet. Over 100 events including parades, cultural celebrations, ice and snow sculpting, and a giant snow slide. For more information call 612-223-4710 or view the web site at www.winter-carnival.com.



Como Park Conservatory offers sixth season of "Music Under Glass" Brown Bag Performance Series

Como Park Conservatory presents its sixth annual "Music Under Glass" noontime winter performance series. Performances are Thursdays from noon to 1 pm. Local artists will perform music ranging from choral to contemporary jazz in Como Conservatory's Sunken Garden. Visitors may enjoy lunch while listening to the performance. Lunches may be ordered in advance by calling Black Bear Coffeehouse, 488-2327. The cost of the lunch is \$6.25. Lunch reservations should be made by noon the day before the performance. Performances are free with Como Park Conservatory admission. Admission is \$1.00 for adults, 50¢ for seniors over age 62 and children age 6 - 12. Children 5 and under are free. For more information about "Music Under Glass", call the 24 hour Infoline at (651) 487-8200.

Thursday, January 21
Cliff Brunzell and His Golden Strings
Jazz Quartet performing jazz, pop, and classical music

Thursday, January 28
Singsation A Broadway Revue ensemble performing tunes from Disney, Gershwin, Berlin, and Oliver

Thursday, February 4
St. Croix Brass
Four brass players with a chamber music sound

Thursday, February 11
Laurie Leigh and Lisa Hinds
Internationally acclaimed harpist and flutist performing a romantic Valentine concert with everything from classical to pop to jazz

Thursday, February 18
Glen Helgeson with Axis Mundi
Contemporary jazz/world beat



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Resident's Guides ready for 1999

The 1999 Resident's Guides are in. This handbook is a quick guide to many important city offices. If you would like a copy for yourself or your neighborhood group, contact Erin Wood at 266-8685 or erin.wood@stpaul.gov.

Job Openings as of January 15 , 1999

Application Deadline	Title	Bi-weekly or Hourly Salary Rate	Exam Date
01/15/99	Building Inspector	\$22.53 per hour	TBN
02/01/99	City Building Official	\$2440.03	TBN
02/01/99	Gardener	\$16.61 per hour	02/22/99
Open	House Custodian I (part-time)	\$7.00 per hour	TBN
01/26/99	Management Assistant I (full & part-time)	\$1129.35	02/02/99
01/25/99	Police Officer/Police Trainee	\$1382.73/\$10.00 per hour	TBN
01/25/99	Public Information Specialist I (part-time)	\$1195.30	01/27/99
Open	Ticket Sellers - RiverCentre (part-time)	\$5.50 per hour (in training)	TBN

**This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: (651) 2666500 (TTY/TDD (651) 266-6501). For jobs announced after January 8, please call our 24-hour job line, (651) 266-6502.